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A refund is respectfully requested for the incorrect charge to our deposit account for an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS). An IDS was filed on July 21, 2010 and another IDS was filed on September 28, 2010. The additional fee charged by the USPTO of \$180.00 should be refunded, because two IDSs were filed subsequent to the July 6, 2010 Office Action, without an intervening Office Action, and only one \$180.00 fee is required. No additional fee is required for consideration.

Prompt and early action on this refund request would be appreciated such that \$180 is refunded to our Deposit Account No. 14-1140 under Order No. PTB-4398-537.

Respectfully submitted,

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